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For : METHOD FOR NETWORK-EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTED SEARCH AND DECISION-MAKING USING CO-EVOLUTIONARY ALGORITHMS EXECUTING IN A DISTRIBUTED MULTI-AGENT ARCHITECTURE
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: